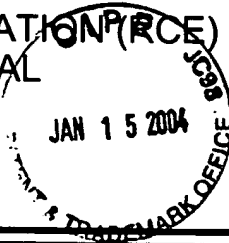


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Application Number	09/740,790
Filing Date	December 21, 2000
First Named Inventor	Hirohisa Yamaji
Art Unit	2654
Examiner Name	Nolan, Daniel A.
Attorney Docket Number	04150011AA

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
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ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
iv. ☒ Other Petition for a one month extension of time

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)  
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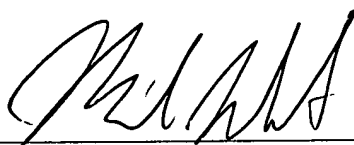
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